Removal of touts operating at reservation centres

†1826. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all the seats are reserved at once at the time of opening of booking counters;

(b) steps being taken by Government to remove the gang of touts which is very active in making reservations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) During the peak seasons such as Summer Rush, Pooja Rush and Christmas vacations, reserved accommodation in popular trains is in high demand and gets filled-up within a short time. During the lean period, the accommodation remains available for much longer period.

(b) and (c) The following steps are being taken to curb the activities of the touts:—

(i) Commercial Officials are deputed in important reservation offices during the rush period to sign the requisition slips of the passengers standing in queue so that the reservation staff entertains only the genuine slips.

(ii) Checks are conducted to nab touts and anti-social elements in the Railway premises.

(iii) Raids are also conducted on the premises of suspected unauthorised agents in association with the police.

(iv) Regular drives are also launched at stations and trains from time to time to keep a check on the malpractices in reservation.

Rail traffic between Delhi-Bangalore

1827. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the rail traffic between Delhi

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